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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
HAJIME IKUNO, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: 10/620,388 :  
FILED: JULY 17, 2003 :  
FOR: PISTON MADE OF ALUMINUM :  
CAST ALLOY AND METHOD OF :  
MANUFACTURING THE SAME :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.